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Sir "Rio Grande"

We think this vessel is fairly entitled to the 10 years class for seasoning under a shed for the following considerations viz Her Frame instead of 8 years material is 12 years, of the best description, and thoroughly seasoned before being commenced and in addition for all practical purposes, she was under cover over the 8 months required by your Rules. Her keel was laid April 9th launched Nov^r 17 Docked the same tide where she remained to Dec^r 18th her hold being clear and the acc having free circulation

Hoping this explanation will
satisfy you as to the merits of
the case. I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant
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